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Freeze-Dried Preparation Containing Methylcobalamin and Process For Producing Same

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$490.00 to cover extension fee:
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a); and
- 3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and Statement of Substance of the Interview.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

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